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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 25 October 1968

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Godfrey reminded that next week is the Bundestag work week in Berlin and that the East Germans may be expected to begin making waves this weekend.

Godfrey noted that Monday is the fiftieth anniversary of the Czechoslovak republic and that Czechoslovak students and intellectuals are unhappy over the prohibition on celebrations.

Godfrey observed that General Abrams's recent cable on the import of the lull in enemy activity found its way onto the front page of the Baltimore Sun this morning.

Godfrey advised it is reasonably clear that non-Soviet troops are withdrawing from Czechoslovakia on a programmed schedule.

D/ONE drew attention to a review in the Daily Princetonian of The Closed Corporation by James Ridgeway. The review refers to semi-annual "CIA conventions" at Princeton.

*DD/S reported that Kimbell Johnson of the Civil Service Commission telephoned to advise that on Monday John Macy will be issuing a directive on the conduct of employment investigations. The directive will contain a section on prohibited procedures, which will include extracts from the interagency report on the polygraph. The Director asked [] to respond to any press inquiries on this matter with "No comment."

Carver observed that Radio Peking has finally weighed in on the current Vietnam peace campaign and that its version of the peace package seems to be the most accurate yet.

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Parrott discussed some possible political ramifications in NATO as a result of the HIGH HEELS exercise.

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DDCI briefed on his four-hour session with General Carroll yesterday on the strength figures problem. General Carroll has suggested a compromise whereby our high figure and DIA's low figure on NVA troop strength will be accepted as the range. DDCI noted that it was not possible to deal with the matter of divergencies in methodology. General Carroll will send a cable to General Abrams on the compromise solution. DD/I pointed to the need for a message to [] explaining the background of the situation so that [] can smooth the feathers of MACV.

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The Director drew attention to his exchange of cables with Bronson Tweedy on the []

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The Director briefed on his visit to the OEP protected relocation facility yesterday.

The Director passed Houston a paper provided him yesterday by a senior official of Pan American Airways on use of Pacific air routes.

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*Extracted and sent to action officer

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